

## President Bok Approves Interim Guidelines

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Dear Colleagues:

I have read with the Report of the Committee on Relationships between the Harvard Community and United States Intelligence Agencies, the text of which appears in this issue of the *Gazette*.

The discussion and conclusions in the Report present, in my view, a balanced approach to a difficult problem. The Committee recognizes the need for effective U.S. foreign intelligence activities in today's world and the contribution that universities and their faculties and staffs can make to these activities. On the other hand, the Committee makes clear that universities must preserve their integrity and effectiveness as independent institutions and that the academic profession must maintain its reputation for independence and objectivity. Taking account of these interests, the Report sets forth guidelines for Harvard and its faculty and staff members in their relationships with U.S. intelligence agencies.

There may be differences of opinion within the Harvard community on the guidelines themselves. Clearly these are issues on which reasonable people may differ, and I would welcome any written comments.

For the time being, however, I would expect Harvard and its faculty and staff members to be sensitive to the issues discussed in the Report and to act consistently with the Committee's guidelines in any relationships they may have with U.S. intelligence agencies. The guidelines are the product of thoughtful consideration and discussion, and I believe that they serve the interests of Harvard and the United States.

As pointed out in the Report, there are likely to be questions of interpretation or situations not explicitly covered by the guidelines. The Report recommends a mechanism for resolving such problems, and I hope that you will make use of it should the need arise. In particular, if you believe that the guidelines would be unfair or unworkable in your particular case, you should feel free to discuss the matter in confidence with your dean and with me. If experience under the guidelines, changed circumstances or comments from readers of the Report indicate that revisions are needed, I will make the necessary changes.

Sincerely,

Derek C. Bok

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